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IAC AD EOC COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGES
STATUS REPORT

20 August 1958

*Items to be discussed at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 26 August 1958, at 2 p.m., Room 154, Administration Building

I. EXCHANGE VISITS

A. General

*1. Expansion of Activities. The following paragraph is an excerpt from the minutes of the OCB meeting of 30 July 1958:

"Noted that the IAC subcommittee on East-West exchanges would consider the intelligence aspect of exchanges of scientific equipment with Communist Bloc countries, in addition to its current duties related to exchanges of persons. Further noted that information developed by the subcommittee would be supplied to the East-West Contacts Staff of the Department of State for its use in connection with the interagency coordination of East-West exchange matters. Agreed further that the OCB would consider any cases which are unusual or highly important in nature or in which there is disagreement in the interagency committee on East-West contacts."

On 12 August, the IAC:

a. Instructed the Exchange Committee to expand its activities to include consideration of the intelligence aspect of proposed exchanges of materiel with the Communist Bloc countries, on the understanding that the military members of the Committee would apprise the Committee of the views of the Department of Defense when the Committee considers recommendations with respect to items having military significance.

b. Agreed that pertinent information developed by the subcommittee would be supplied to the East-West Contacts Staff of the Department of State.

The wording on military items was included at the suggestion of the Joint Staff member of the IAC. Based on the above, the Committee now has the responsibility for reviewing materiel exchanges as well as

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exchanges of persons. It is advisable that the members be prepared to deal with the problem when it arises. In this regard, it might be well to begin consideration of constructive suggestions in the materiel area. It has been suggested that a list of USSR items which might be requested as reciprocity could be compiled. This subject should be discussed at the meeting.

*2. Fourth Semi-Annual Report of the IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges. A copy of the Secretary's first draft of the "Fourth Semi-Annual Report" is attached. It is suggested that the members should be prepared for an initial drafting session on this report.

*3. Relationship of Exchange Program to Defector Program. The Interagency Defector Committee has been directed by the IAC to consider its operations particularly as they have been or will be effected by the Exchange Program. The IDC intends to consider how best to improve the total take from the two programs. In the initial thinking, it has been decided to expand the coverage of the review to include not only exchanges but all legal travellers. In this regard, it might be well for the Committee to consider a statement regarding potential effect of defection attempts on the exchange program from an intelligence viewpoint.

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*5. Briefing and Debriefing Procedures. One of the suggestions submitted subsequent to the previous meeting was that a paragraph be included in the Semi-Annual Report dealing with progress under the recommended procedures for briefing and debriefing. On reviewing the progress, it is the view of the Secretary that there is still much room for improvement in coordination and economy of effort connected with these briefings. It might be well for the members to be prepared to discuss this problem so that an accurate constructive statement can be made in the Semi-Annual Report.

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*6. Project Initiation. This item is mentioned because of the paragraph in the draft Semi-Annual Report dealing with the same subject. As mentioned in a previous meeting, the Department of State is somewhat concerned that projects initiated by other elements of the Government through private contractors have not been made known to the Department of State by the Government agency involved in sufficient time to permit a coordinated Government opinion to go out in response to the private inquiry. Many of these projects are of interest to the intelligence community, and it is desirable that some orderly method for notifying the Department of State be initiated.

*7. Exhibits. In late July the Department of State presented an Aide Memoire to the Soviet Embassy indicating that reciprocity is expected for the exhibits that the Soviets have been permitted to show in the US. These include the Oklahoma State Fair, and the two Automation Exhibits. Under its new responsibility regarding exchange of materiel, it would seem appropriate that the Committee consider the desirability and nature of the reciprocity.

8. British Exchanges. Recently the UK Embassy informed the Department of State that certain exchange agreements have been made between UK and the USSR. These include about 200 students and a 120 professors in varying categories. Of particular interest to the intelligence community is an agreement to exchange groups of professors of metallurgy to study the methods of teaching in each country and to visit research institutes and metallurgical plants. Also, the agreement included provisions to extend the current program between the Royal Society and the USSR Academy of Sciences and for an exchange of agricultural engineers. Exchanges of films, books, and art are also planned.

B. Exchanges

1. Student Exchange. Most of the details about student exchanges are contained in the East-West Contacts Status Reports and accounts in the daily newspapers. It was felt, however, that the attached summary of activities in the student exchange field which came to the attention of the Secretariat might prove useful to the members.

2. Steel Tube Manufacturing Exchange. Attached is a copy of the Soviet Aide Memoire proposing an exchange in the field of Steel Tube Manufacture. It was recently requested that the Committee review this proposal, and the Secretary in turn requested that the technical consultant to the Committee for steel exchanges [REDACTED] review the proposal, calling on the EIC Subcommittee for Minerals and Metals if he deems it necessary. In the meantime the American Iron and Steel Institute has declared that the US industry is not interested

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in considering such an exchange until the Soviet Steel delegation has completed its visit. This removes the pressure of time, and the technical consultant prefers to await further details on the Steel exchange before completing the review.

*3. Exchange in the Field of Thrift Institutions. The Department of State received a proposal concerning an exchange in the field of thrift institutions and has in turn requested that an intelligence evaluation of this proposal be performed. Because, as you will note in the attached request, the Department would like to reply prior to 1 September, it is requested that the members come prepared to make a definite statement regarding this exchange.

*4. Eleventh Annual Southwestern IRE Conference and Electronics Show. Attached is a proposal concerning the subject. It is noted that the intelligence advice on East-West contacts forwarded to East-West Contacts/State on 30 June included a statement to the effect that conference attendance proposals in the fields of electronics, automation, and industrial application of chemical procedures should be carefully considered before non-reciprocal attendance is permitted. For this reason, it is suggested that the members come prepared to deal with the attached proposal. Generally speaking, also the members should be aware of the commitment cited above to provide advice in the categories mentioned and in connection with student exchanges which are believed to have extraordinary implications.

*5. Guided Missile Exchange. The initial reply to the Committee request to GMIC did not contain sufficient detail for a proposal which could be considered by higher echelons of the Government. It was mutually agreed that the GMIC Collection Subcommittee would prepare the necessary background. It is expected that the results of the GMIC Subcommittee's work will be available at the time of the meeting.

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